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SUMMARY

Following a lull in the perennial drive against shortcomings in industry and agriculture, occasioned by the 19th All-Union Communist Party Congress, the pressure has been resumed all along the line. Agricultural propaganda is diffuse in character. Some attention is focused on cotton-growing which is said to reveal weak spots here and there despite the claim of overall plan fulfillment. Similar weaknesses are attributed to the sugar-beet industry. Farm labor organization, stockbreeding and mechanization of agricultural work are still treated as problems crying for solution.

Criticism of industrial activities in the period under review is limited in volume. Managerial dishonesty is regarded as one of the major shortcomings slated for elimination. Labor efficiency on the whole is still apparently considered unsatisfactory despite the quarterly and other statistical reports showing fulfillment of the "planned" increase. These claims, however, are made somewhat less than authentic by the repeated official reminder that streamlined industrial production as envisaged by the end of the current Five Year Plan will require at least another 50% rise in labor productivity.

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